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## Regulators approve investigation into unregulated water and sewer company

**BOISE (Oct. 16, 2017)** – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has authorized an investigation into the regulatory status of VP, Inc., a private water and sewer company in northern Idaho.

VP serves the Idaho Club, a residential development and golf course near Sandpoint.

The company has been viewed as part of the development's neighborhood association, making it exempt from regulation by the Commission.

The investigation is intended to determine whether VP is subject to regulation because of changes in its operations related to the 2016 sale of a portion of the development to Valiant Idaho, LLC.

Valiant complained to the Commission that VP was charging it excessive rates for water service, and was operating as a for-profit company independent of the neighborhood association.

There is no timeline for completion of the investigation.

Documents related to the case can be reviewed online <a href="here">here</a>, or by going to the Commission website, <a href="www.puc.idaho.gov">www.puc.idaho.gov</a>. Click on "Open Cases" under the "Water" heading and scroll down to GNR-W-17-01.